

**PATENT CLAIMS**

1. Cage arrangement for poultry having cage batteries (1) arranged above a manure pit, each battery displaying two cages (10, 11) facing each other, which cages are arranged one atop another in tiers (12, 14, 15, 16), characterized in that:
  - a) a manure scraper (8) is arranged in each tier (12 – 16) underneath each cage (10, 11);
  - b) an open space (18) is present between two cages (10, 11) facing each other;
  - c) under the open space (18), a passage (4) is present in the cover plate (2) of the manure pit (17) for the manure conveyed into the open space (18) by the manure scrapers (8);
  - d) and the manure scrapers (8) are driven in a back-and-forth manner.
2. Cage arrangement as claimed in claim 1 characterized in that the manure scrapers (8) are arranged on a traction cable (19) that circulates around idler pulleys (20, 21, 22) and that a drive pulley (23) drives the traction cable (19) back and forth.
3. Cage arrangement as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that provided above *[sic]* each cage (10, 11) is a manure plate (7), upon which the associated manure scraper (8) glides.
4. Cage arrangement as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the cages (10, 11) of the uppermost tier (12) are connected to each other so as to bridge the open space.